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1... MS. HERRERA: Hello. My name is Helen Herrera, and I have been to a couple of these meetings and watched the goings on and heard what's happened at these meetings with regard to the presentations by the DOE, and I am appalled the way people throw out numbers, the way people throw out statistics and talk about the safety of the land, because I believe they are making the same mistake they made 500 years ago, when they look at a desert and see nobody there, and no kind of life there.

And so, in my opinion, as a grandmother and a mother, belonging to many nations across this hemisphere, that the only safe rail is a rail that you put on your ancestral hemisphere. Let's stop moving this stuff around on us, because when you look at me, you are looking at the last two percent of the people left on this hemisphere.

And I will take my voice back with regard to this nightmare that you are dragging us all into. I notice Wendy got up and left. Gee, that's too bad, because I had a lot to say to her.

2 First of all, on my public comment sheet, as mandated by NEPA, when did consultation begin with  
3 original indigenous people who live around these routes? What will it take to stop ongoing  
4 contamination? What will it take to disqualify Yucca Mountain or any other place on this hemisphere  
5 from these proceedings? How do these hearings address the right for our future generations to have a  
6 voice regarding this waste? What about people still living near the Nevada Test Site? I know they call us  
7 the vanishing race because they erase us every time they come up with the new statistics. We are  
8 expendable.

9 But look at us, because your children are right behind us now, and they are in those tracks. We had a big  
10 accident three weeks ago through our community, a dripping waste truck came through. So don't tell me  
11 that that's not what's going on every day here in this country. Don't tell me that lie again.

12 This is genocide, and anyone who sits at the table of genocide will be a part, and will be accountable to  
13 their next generations through our oral history. We will make sure that that stays alive.

14 Now back to your own set way of doing things in which you are comfortable in. I want to know what  
15 insurance company is going to cover these accidents? And surely you know property values have already  
16 fallen around the transportation route for the waste isolation project plant. But then you only gave me one  
17 minute for each hundred years you have been here. I guess my time's about up. Thank you.

MS. SWEENEY: Thank you, ma'am.

[APPLAUSE.]

FACILITATOR HOLMES: William Fragosa.